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5 April 1951

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 5 April 1951

Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Vernon E. Megee, USMC, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

* Lieut. General Clarence R. Huebner, USA, (Ret.), Central
Intelligence Agency
Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
* Mr. Deforest VanSlyck, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Paul Borel, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Charles C. Stelle, Department of State
Brigadier General John Weckerling, Department of the Army
* Colonel Edward T. Cowen, Department of the Army
* Mr. John E. Jackson, Department of the Army
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
* Lieut. Colonel Charles F. Gillis, Department of the Air Force
Captain R. G. McCool, USN, The Joint Staff

Secretary

Mr. James Q. Reber
Central Intelligence Agency

* For part of the meeting.

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Approval of Minutes (SECRET)

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 2 April 1951 (IAC-M-24) were approved.

Census and Verification of All
Armed Forces and Armaments
(IAC-D-17) (TOP SECRET)

no record of an Estimate
on this title

2. Action: Work on this estimate, which will probably be published as a special estimate, should follow normal procedure. The limitations of intelligence to provide the answers to the questions in this paper are recognized but emphasis is placed on the need to get the best answers possible within a week.

Chinese Communist Capabilities
and Intentions with Respect to
Taiwan (NIE-27) (SECRET)

released in E.O. Review E85-0012 (SAN)
NIE 27 (10 Apr 51)

3. Action: Approved this draft for publication with revisions. It was agreed that a footnote to paragraph 19 would be provided to state Air Force dissent regarding the question of Chinese capability to capture Taiwan.

Distribution of NIE's

4. Action: General Smith announced the severe reduction of NIE's to be distributed within CIA and requested the other agencies to give careful reconsideration to their needs with a considerable reduction as the objective. NIE's being distributed to the Army, Navy, and Air Force will flow through the Heads of the respective intelligence agencies.

Proposed NIE - "Spain's Position
in the East-West Conflict"
(SECRET)

withheld in E87-0103
NIE 34 (30 Jul 51)

5. Action: Agreed to initiate an estimate on this subject along the lines of the terms of reference proposed by General Cabell in his memorandum of April 4, distributed at the meeting.

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